

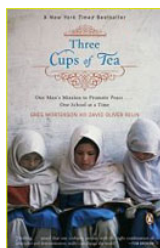


The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org) and clicking on "News & Events."

**February 2008**

**One Book**  
ONE SAN DIEGO

## An Evening with Greg Mortenson



As part of this year's *One Book, One San Diego* program, San Diego Public Library Foundation will host a lecture and book signing by Greg Mortenson, co-author of the 2008 selection, *Three Cups of Tea*. The *One Book* program, which is a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and

KPBS, invites San Diegans to read the same book so they can engage in dialogue and develop tolerance and understanding about differing points of view.

*Three Cups of Tea* is the story of one man's mission to promote peace by educating girls in Afghanistan and Pakistan. After a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, Greg Mortenson was lost and tired when he stumbled into a remote Pakistan village. He was nursed back to health by the locals and he made a promise to build a school in the village. Since 1993, he has built more than 60 schools in this remote region, educated 25,000 children, and is using books, not bombs to diffuse terrorism.



The book will be available for purchase and signing at the event. A portion of the proceeds will support the *One Book, One San Diego* campaign. See more details on book discussions, programs and other author events at:

[www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

**Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m.**

Irwin M. Jacobs Qualcomm Hall  
5775 Morehouse Drive, Sorrento Valley  
*Seating is limited; first come, first served*  
Call 619-236- 5800

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## Opera Insights Series 2008



In partnership with the San Diego Opera, the San Diego Public Library's *Opera Insight Series* prepares opera goers for upcoming operas with enjoyable, informative, and engaging presentations.

In another scintillating multimedia presentation, musicologist Dr. Ron Shaheen will discuss the second opera in San Diego Opera's 2008 Season, *Mary, Queen of Scots (Maria Stuarda)*. He will take you back to the English Renaissance and the fascination that Italian composers of opera (like Donizetti) had for this terrifying period of history.

*Mary, Queen of Scots (Maria Stuarda)*, is one of the most beautiful and exciting operas from the 19th century Italian bel canto style of musical composition. It is based on the real-life political and family intrigue involving the royal cousins Elizabeth I, Queen of England, and Mary Stuart, Queen of Scotland. This musical drama promises dramatic fireworks as the two divas wage a vocal battle!

Join us for this exciting event. For more information visit [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org) and [www.sdopera.com](http://www.sdopera.com)

**Wednesday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

## A History of Mission Beach

During February, local residents Terry Curren and Phil Prather are displaying photos and memorabilia featured in their recently published book, *Mission Beach: Images of America*, at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library.



Mission Beach has always been a favorite destination for San Diego's beach-loving locals and tourists. Every year, millions crowd onto this spit of white sand separating tranquil Mission Bay from the frothy waves of the Pacific Ocean. Bicyclists, skateboarders, inline skaters, walkers, and joggers can also enjoy the beach while navigating the 2.5-mile-long

cement boardwalk along the ocean's edge and historic Belmont Park. But this is also a neighborhood of narrow streets with homes that began in the early 1900s as modest summer vacation cottages, many of which are now being replaced by million-dollar-plus condominiums. This exhibit pays tribute to the residents and visitors who played a part in the development of this classic seaside community.

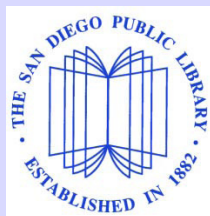
**February 2008, During Open Hours**  
Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library  
4275 Cass Street, 858-581-9934



### Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's website at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>



### LIBRARIES CLOSED FEB. 18 FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

All City libraries will be closed **Monday, Feb. 18** in observance of Presidents' Day. As a convenience for patrons, book drops will remain open to return books and other materials.



### Palabras de Poder, Rebel Writers from the New Latin@America

You are invited to an evening of politically charged, socially conscious word that takes on the various issues affecting the Latino/a community. The event is sponsored by the Red CalacArts Collective, UCSD's Chicano/a~ Latino/a Arts and Humanities program, UCSD's Center for the Humanities and the San Diego Central Library.

For more information contact:  
[calacapress@cox.net](mailto:calacapress@cox.net)  
or 619-920-1713



**Saturday, February 2 at 7 p.m.**  
Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

### Cygnnet Theatre Company: Theatrical reading of August Wilson Play



Perhaps **August Wilson's** most political play, *Two Trains Running* captures the struggle African-Americans faced in coping with the rise of Black Power and the Civil Rights Movement. Set in a Pittsburgh diner in 1969, The book focuses on neighborhood folks who see the turbulence happening in their world. The play looks at attitudes of the urban Black community on the brink of social unrest.

**Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800



# IRON LADIES OF LIBERIA

## Preview Film Screening and Discussion



This intimate documentary goes behind the scenes of the government of Africa's first freely elected female head of state, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of Liberia. It explores challenges facing the president and the ex-

traordinary women surrounding her as they develop and implement policies to rebuild their ravaged country and prevent a descent back into civil war.

Directed by Coloradan Daniel Junge and Liberian native Siatta Scott Johnson, *Iron Ladies of Liberia* is an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at democracy in action – not to mention history in the making. A discussion will follow the film.

**Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-236-5800

Independent Television Service (ITVS) Community Cinema pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All film content will broadcast nationally on the PBS series Independent Lens.

## Tonta Tonta (1971) Con La India Maria



In this classic Mexican comedy starring Maria Elena Velasco. This film focuses on an Indian woman from San José of the Burros, who leaves her friends and family behind to seek a job promised to her in the big city. She soon finds that living in the urban jungle is far different from the laid-back pace of life in her quiet hometown.

Cine Clasico Mexicano:

**Wednesday, February 13 at 6 p.m.**

Mountain View/Beckwourth Branch Library  
721 San Pasqual Street, 619-527-3404

# ANYONE & EVERYONE

## Film screening and discussion:

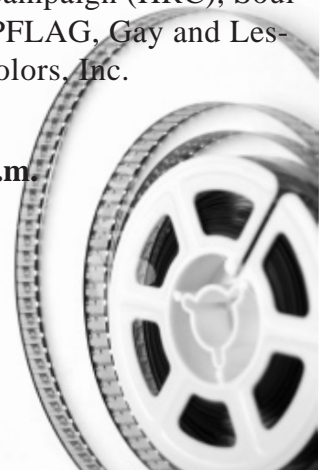
*Anyone and Everyone* tells the stories of families from across the United States who are all connected by having a son or daughter who is gay. This poignant and often heart-wrenching documentary by first-time local filmmaker Susan Polis Schutz, reveals families' struggles and desires to accept a child's sexual orientation.

The film features families from a diverse range of religious and cultural backgrounds such as Japanese, Bolivian, Cherokee, Mormon, Jewish, Catholic and Hindu. These parents share intimate accounts of their experiences when their children revealed to them that they are gay. While some showed unconditional support, many struggled with their child's sexual orientation, fearing alienation from their extended family, their church or their community. The families featured really could be "anyone and everyone."

This film is supported by community outreach both locally and nationally. KPBS has partnered with several national organizations to plan screenings across the country. National partners include: The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Soul Force, The Trevor Project, PFLAG, Gay and Lesbian Task Force and True Colors, Inc.

**Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m.**

Central Library  
Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown  
619-236-5800



## Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

## MUSIC IS MY LIFE

What does it take to be successful in the music industry? Now is your chance to find out. Join us @ your library to find out:

### Self Promotion: Taking Yourself Seriously

**Saturday, February 16**

- **1 p.m.** College-Rolando Branch Library  
6600 Montezuma Rd., 619-533-3902  
and
- **3 p.m.** Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library  
5148 Market Street, 619-527-3409

## Winter/Spring Concert Series

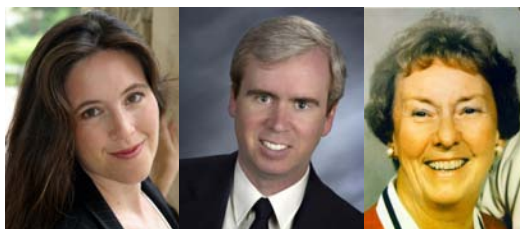


**February 3**, guitarist Michael Nigro will perform a solo program entitled *Dances and Impressions of South America and Beyond*, featuring 20th-century works by Leo Brouwer, Jorge Cardoso, José Luis Merlin and others.

**Sunday, February 3 at 2:30 p.m.**

**Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-291-5800**

**February 24**, mezzo-soprano Janelle DeStefano, pianist James Frimmer, and narrator Joanne Regenhardt will present *Rachmaninoff—Letters and Notes*, which interweaves biographical narration with songs and piano music by the Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff.



J. DeStefano J. Frimmer J. Regenhardt

**Sunday, February 24 at 2:30 p.m.**

**Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium  
820 E Street, Downtown, 619-291-5800**



## SOPRANO MAJA MARKOVIC

This coloratura soprano from Belgrade, Serbia, has performed as soloist and as a member of various choruses in her native country and in Southern California. She knows opera technique and plays the accordion. Ms. Markovic will be accompanied by pianist Natasha Riabova.



**Saturday, February 23 at 3 p.m.**

**La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Ave, 552-1657**



## Mostly Chopin: James Gary



James Gary studied music at Palomar, was a solo pianist with the San Diego Youth Symphony and graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He teaches piano and performs in San Diego. His February 13 concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library.

**Wednesday, February 13 at 7 p.m.**

**Carmel Valley Branch Library  
3919 Townsgate Dr., 858-552-1668**

## HULLABALOO TO ENTERTAIN AT RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS FAMILY CONCERT



Steve Denyes, folksinger and songwriter, sings and plays guitar (and funny little stringed instruments). Brendan Kremer, a rock 'n roll drummer, sings and plays a variety of percussion instruments.

**Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, (858) 538-8159**

## Trader Joe's Great Adventure in the Grocery Store Business



Learn the secrets of a retail and cultural phenomenon called Trader Joe's, the niche player that allows us to have champagne tastes on a beer budget. Suggestions will be offered for food and wine for your enjoyment.

**Wednesday, February 6 at 1 p.m.**

Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library  
3701 Voltaire Street, (619) 531-1539

## Happy Valentine's Day



Drop by the Children's Area to make Valentine Cards and "Sandy Candy" treats for your sweetie! All materials provided. Program recommended for ages 4+.

**Wednesday, February 6 from 4-6 p.m.**

Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library  
4275 Cass Street, 619-581-9934

**Wednesday, February 13 at 4:30 p.m.**

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657

### Valentine Cookie Decorating

Suitable for children 4+. Sign up required.

**Wednesday, February 13 at 4 p.m.**

North Clairemont Branch Library  
4616 Clairemont Drive, 581-9931

### Valentine's Day Children's Craft

**Thursday, February 14 at 3:30 p.m.**

San Carlos Branch Library  
7265 Jackson Dr, 619-527-3430

### Free Parking For Central Library Patrons

#### When:

Saturdays - 9:30AM - 5:30PM

Sundays - 1 PM - 5 PM

#### Where:

**5 Star Parking** lot, adjacent to the Library at the southeast corner of Broadway & Eighth Avenue. Enter the lot from Eighth Avenue. The Library thanks **5 Star Parking** for making this free parking available.

Additionally, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays and after 6 PM on weekdays and Saturdays.

## Staying Healthy with the Seasons



Chance Billmeyer, Ross Weaver, and Thavy Hy from Zen Sanctuary present basic holistic health systems and address natural ways to avoid colds and flu. Movement demonstrations, discussion, questions and handouts are included.

**Saturday, February 9 at 3 p.m.**

Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library  
4121 Adams Ave., 619-533-3975

### EXPLORING MORE ENERGY THERAPY

Learn simple techniques from Diane Forsythe, Energy Therapist & Reiki Practitioner, to balance your body's energy, have a more positive outlook, and feel more empowered in your everyday life.

**Wednesday, February 13 at 1 p.m.**

Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library  
13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159

## A Visit with Martha W. Longenecker



The Ceramic artist, Professor Emerita of San Diego State, Founder of Mingei International Museum and icon in the art world will unveil her newest project: [www.see-mingei.org](http://www.see-mingei.org).

**Wednesday, February 27 at 6 p.m.**

La Jolla/Riford Branch Library  
7555 Draper Ave., 552-1657

### FREE Bus/Trolley for Kids Saturdays and Sundays (in the City of San Diego only)

Two children between the ages of 6 and 12, who are accompanied by an adult using the transit system, can ride free on Saturdays and Sundays -- a savings of \$1.75 to \$2.50 each way. Stops closest to the Central Library:  
Trolley - 5th & C Street 2008 Bus - 8th & Broadway